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Senate Resolution 446

By: Senator Johnson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation; and for other

- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Fulton County Taxpayers Foundation (FCTF) was established in the 1990's
- 4 to advocate lower property taxes for property owners in Atlanta and Fulton County, Georgia;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, each year, FCTF actively lobbies the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and the
- 7 Atlanta and Fulton County School Districts in order to reduce millage rates during annual
- 8 assessments and serves as a watchdog on behalf of taxpayers, ensuring that interested
- 9 stakeholders are aware of legislation that could possibly impact their property taxes; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the FCTF produces a monthly newsletter in which ways to save on property
- 11 taxes are identified based on successful practices of other cities, counties, and school
- 12 districts; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the FCTF is a nonprofit organization committed to fighting government waste,
- 14 mismanagement of public funds, and governmental corruption whose board members serve
- 15 pro bono; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the FCTF has demonstrated great success since its establishment, successfully
- 17 running a signature campaign keeping property tax increases out of the 2009 City of Atlanta
- budget, successfully working with attorneys suing to prevent the use of TAD funds for the
- 19 Beltline Project, persuading the Governor to retain the Homeowners Tax Relief Grant,
- 20 influencing the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to vote down a 1 percent sales tax
- 21 increase, and negotiating a three-year freeze on property assessments; and
- 22 WHEREAS, the dedicated work of the FCTF on behalf of Fulton County and City of Atlanta
- 23 taxpayers is worthy of recognition by this body.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

- 25 commend the outstanding contributions and devoted dedication of the Fulton County
- 26 Taxpayers Foundation.
- 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fulton County Taxpayers
- 29 Foundation.